

Agenda item: 4.1.4
Subject: GIWA Submission

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Subject: From GIWA to CBH re support for CBH Submission to 2020 GTA Standards Review on dockage in Western Australian wheat

Hi Claire,

Thanks for CBH's request regarding GIWA's support for the CBH submission to GTA 2020 Standards Review on the issue of dockage in wheat in Western Australia.

The GIWA Wheat Council (of which you are a member) has been addressing this issue in noodle wheat quality discussions from Western Australia to Japan and Korea through the AEGIC, GIWA, CBH Noodle Wheat Communications for some years now. This includes contributing to the annual ASWJ blend negotiation with MAFF/JFMA. As per GIWA's supply chain business model, members of the GIWA Wheat Council include Western Australian based plant breeders, growers, agronomists, independent grain markets, bulk handlers and the trade - because noodle wheat is predominantly grown in Western Australia and we take a whole-of-supply chain approach to solutions.

In 2018, in response to concerns from Japan MAFF/JFMA in relation to dockage, the GIWA Wheat Council proposed to GTA reinstating the pre-2012 (drought condition) tolerances for screenings, unmillable material and small foreign seeds, and this was the result of that proposal to the GTA Standards Review Committee:

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The pre-2012 screenings tolerance - 5.0 - for WA noodle wheat was not reinstated by GTA at that time.

The GIWA Wheat Council continues to receive industry feedback that dockage in WA wheat is not just an issue for noodle wheat grades, but is a wider issue for wheat grades exported out of Western Australia.

GIWA already proposed to CBH in February 2020 that we set up a short, sharp (as in timeline) whole of Western Australian industry response/taskforce to address dockage. This could include other industry or grower representatives from Western Australia because GIWA regularly takes a whole-of-supply chain approach to solutions, rather than a member-driven approach to solutions. The GIWA Wheat Council has the expertise to do this immediately, COVID-19 priorities permitting. Some of the issues (as per my original email in the trail below) which we think merit investigating are:

- screenings, unmillable material and small foreign seeds by variety
- harvest operator practices
- machinery settings and equipment
- seasonal impacts eg dry finish/soft finish on varieties
- cleaning options
- optimisation influences on quality
- bulk handling operational practices on quality

GIWA is the caretaker of non-wheat standards in WA, which means that the GTA Standards Committee, not GIWA, has carriage of wheat decisions in WA, but with only 1 member of the GTA Standards Committee ie CBH Operations Quality Manager rep Vince Moroney coming from WA (please correct us if we are wrong). GIWA has already discussed with GTA the possibility of contributing to any working group which the GTA Standards Committee might convene to address this issue of wheat dockage out of Western Australia. We would be happy to assist and work with others, this is an industry wide quality issue.

For this reason the GIWA Wheat Council supports CBH's submission to the 2020 GTA Standards Review on the issue of dockage in wheat on a qualified basis - GIWA requests that members of the GIWA Wheat Council be included in any working group that GTA might convene to address the dockage issue. Without inclusion and data the GIWA Wheat Council can't leverage its considerable industry expertise. Our collective thinking is that it is not just standards that is influencing wheat dockage, but a combination of factors, and the Council is keen to contribute to the solution.

We look forward to CBH's response and also to that of the GTA Standards Committee. As a matter of formality we have copied in Gerard McMullen, GTA's standards technical advisor with whom we work on all GIWA standards matters.

Gerard please take this email as a formal submission from GIWA into the 2020 GTA Standards Review Process.

Kind regards,

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